

Status – 12 December 2008

Philpott Lake, VA (Section216) Feasibility Study

Welcome to our new Lead Planner, Debbie Willis, who is located here in Wilmington. Her role as lead planner, along with Bud Laroche, is central to setting the framework for the 216 study. Please include her in any communications. Her complete contact information (Tel: 910-251-4029 and Email Debra.K.Willis@usace.army.mil) is on the web page (http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/philpott_216/main.htm) in the updated participants list (12 Dec 08), along with information on status and work group activities. I request that each of you go to the web page and update or add contact information for you and your organization (give needed changes to Debbie, Bud or me). Debbie will also be an important part of the “planning group” along with Bud Laroche and Ben Lane.

Stage 1 work, determination of existing data and needs and preparation of scopes of work and cost estimates, is about 90 – 95% complete. Of the 5 technical work groups, 4 have prepared at least draft scopes of work and cost estimates. We need to pull together and finalize the work that has been done. We also need to complete a significant effort needed from the “Operating Policies and Administrative Procedures” work group. Once that is completed and reviewed, a meeting will be held with stakeholders, the work groups, and the Executive Committee to lay out our plan for completing needed stage 2 technical studies, data collection, and modeling.

We are currently unable to continue to completion of stage 1 due to a shortage of funding. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the federal government both face funding challenges. No work is currently underway on the Philpott 216 study and we are uncertain as to when the needed nonfederal funds will become available.